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Application of : Lynn et al

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR COLLECTING LEUKOCYTE-REDUCED
BLOOD COMPONENTS, INCLUDING PLASMA THAT IS FREE OR
VIRTUALLY FREE OF CELLULAR BLOOD SPECIES

AMENDMENT B
SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004 in the parent application, which was deemed a final rejection. This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

An automatic three-month extension of time to respond, up to and including December 29, 2004 is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: